

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an Examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 22 June 2009, Mr. Robert M. Siminski, requested an extension of time for a total of 1 MONTH(S) and authorized the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 the required fee of \$ 130.00 for this extension and authorized the following Examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are as listed in the entered response filed 20 May 2009, except as amended herein below:

In claim 7, at line 18 (line 2 of step f), --growth-- was inserted before "assay".

In claim 12, at line 3, "and" was deleted and --or-- inserted therefor.

In claim 17, at line 20 (line 2 of step e), --saponin-freed-- was inserted after "of" and before "Plasmodial".

In claim 17, at line 20 (line 2 of step e), --containing nonylphenoxy polyethoxy ethanol-- was inserted after "buffer".

In claim 17, at line 26 (line 3 of step g), --over said immobilized test compound on said matrix-- was inserted after "buffer" and before "and".

In claim 17, at line 40 (line 1 of step L), --growth-- was inserted after "said" and before "assay".

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James L. Grun, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0821. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Shibuya, SPE, can be contacted at (571) 272-0806.

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